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In re Application of :
Ralph Alderson et al :
Application No. 09/499,468 :
Filed: February 7, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. PF112U1 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 27, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on March 14, 2005, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

The examiner of Technology Center AU 1647 will consider the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.



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SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of

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Applicant(s) : Ralph Alderson et al
Application No. : 09/499,468
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The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,995,132 and an issue date of February 7, 2006.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of February 7, 2006:

"All reference to Patent No. 6,995,132 to Ralph Alderson et al of Maryland for USE OF VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR TO TREAT PHOTORECEPTOR CELLS appearing in the Official Gazette of February 7, 2006 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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